

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer-implemented method of providing a trader with one or more securities quotes comprising:

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storing one or more quotes for a security in a memory of a computer, wherein each quote comprises a price and a trading direction;

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receiving market summary update information comprising a quote update for the security, wherein the quote update comprises a price and a trading direction;

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comparing the quote update and the quote stored in the memory of the computer via a first criterion; wherein the first criterion is met if:
for a bid quote, the price of the quote stored in the memory of the computer is greater than the price of the quote update, or
for an ask quote, the price of the quote stored in the memory of the computer is less than the price of the quote update; and

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modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer if the first criterion is met.

2. The method claim 1, wherein each quote stored in the memory of the computer, and each quote update further comprise a timestamp.

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3. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying to a user one or more of the quotes stored in the memory of the computer.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein a quote display format is associated with each quote stored in the memory of the computer, and wherein modifying the quote

stored in the memory of the computer comprises modifying one or more quote display format settings associated with the quote.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the quote display format comprises a font color setting, a font size setting, or a font style setting.

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises deleting the quote from the memory of the computer.

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7. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the one or more quotes for a security stored in a memory of a computer remotely over a network.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

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9. A computer system configured to implement the method of claim 1.

10. A carrier medium which stores program instructions, wherein the program instructions are computer-executable to implement the method of claim 1.

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11. A computer-implemented method of providing a trader with one or more securities quotes comprising:

storing one or more quotes for a security in a memory of a computer, wherein each quote comprises a timestamp;

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receiving market summary update information comprising a quote update for the security, wherein the quote update comprises a timestamp;

comparing the quote update and the quote stored in the memory of the computer via a first criterion; wherein the first criterion is met if:

the timestamp of the quote update minus the timestamp of the quote stored in the memory of the computer greater than a predetermined threshold time; and

5 modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer if the first criterion is met.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying to a user one or more of the quotes stored in the memory of the computer.

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13. The method of claim 11, wherein a quote display format is associated with each quote stored in the memory of the computer, and wherein modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises modifying one or more quote display format settings associated with the quote.

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14. The method of claim 13, wherein the quote display format setting comprises a font color setting, a font size setting, or a font style setting.

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15. The method of claim 11, wherein modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises deleting the quote from the memory of the computer.

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16. The method of claim 11, wherein the timestamp associated with the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises a time of origination of the quote and the timestamp associated with the received quote update comprises a time of origination of the quote update.

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17. The method of claim 11, wherein the timestamp associated with the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises a time of receipt of the quote and the timestamp associated with the received quote update comprises a time of receipt of the quote update.

18. The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying the one or more quotes for a security stored in a memory of a computer remotely over a network.
19. The method of claim 11, wherein the network comprises the Internet.
20. The method of claim 11, wherein the predetermined time threshold is equal to zero.
21. The method of claim 11, further comprising receiving user configuration information from a user prior to comparing the quote update and the quote stored in the memory of the computer; wherein the user configuration information comprises a user selected value for the predetermined time threshold.
22. A computer system configured to implement the method of claim 11.
23. A carrier medium which stores program instructions, wherein the program instructions are computer-executable to implement the method of claim 11.
24. A computer-implemented method of providing a trader with one or more securities quotes comprising:
- storing one or more quotes for a security in a memory of a computer, wherein each quote comprises a price, a timestamp, and a trading direction;
- receiving market summary update information comprising a quote update for the security, wherein the quote update comprises a price, a timestamp, and a trading direction;
- comparing the quote update and the quote stored in the memory of the computer via a first criterion; wherein the first criterion is met if:

for a bid quote, the price of the quote stored in the memory of the computer is greater than the price of the quote update, or
for an ask quote, the price of the quote stored in the memory of the computer is less than the price of the quote update;

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comparing the quote update and the quote stored in the memory of the computer via a second criterion; wherein the second criterion is met if:
the timestamp of the quote update minus the timestamp of the quote stored in the memory of the computer greater than a
predetermined threshold time; and

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modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer if the first criterion and second criterion are met.

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25. The method of claim 24, further comprising displaying to a user one or more of the quotes stored in the memory of the computer.

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26. The method of claim 24, wherein a quote display format is associated with each quote stored in the memory of the computer, and wherein modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises modifying one or more quote display format settings associated with the quote.

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27. The method of claim 26, wherein the quote display format setting comprises a font color setting, a font size setting, or a font style setting.

28. The method of claim 24, wherein modifying the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises deleting the quote from the memory of the computer.

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29. The method claim 24, wherein the timestamp associated with the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises a time of origination of the quote and the

timestamp associated with the received quote update comprises a time of origination of the quote update.

5 30. The method of claim 24, wherein the timestamp associated with the quote stored in the memory of the computer comprises a time of receipt of the quote and the timestamp associated with the received quote update comprises a time of receipt of the quote update.

10 31. The method of claim 24, further comprising displaying the one or more quotes for a security stored in a memory of a computer remotely over a network.

32. The method of claim 24, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

15 33. The method of claim 24, wherein the predetermined time threshold is equal to zero.

20 34. The method of claim 24, further comprising receiving user configuration information from a user prior to comparing the quote update and the quote stored in the memory of the computer; wherein the user configuration information comprises a user selected value for the predetermined time threshold.

35. A computer system configured to implement the method of claim 24.

25 36. A carrier medium which stores program instructions, wherein the program instructions are computer-executable to implement the method of claim 24.

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